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A RUMMAGE SALE to raise money for AIR expenses will take place in early May. Please set aside any articles to contribute. Storage will be at the Jones' until a specific time and place are determined. You can begin bringing items to 3580 Viola Drive as soon as possible so that we may price and inventory everything before the sale. Anything goes ... remember, one man's fetter (?) is another man's treasure.

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A TOWN MEETING will be held on Monday, April 26, 7:30 PM at Aromas School. The agenda will have two parts: The tax revenue increase and observance of candidates. The tax increase for our school district (Pajaro Valley Unified) will be on the ballot along with the candidates on June 8. All citizens should attend. Registration of voters will be performed during the course of the evening.....

The AROMAS SERVICE CLUB sponsors town meetings. Members met Wednesday, April 7, to adopt by-laws and elect officers. Officers: President, Larry Jones; Vice President Dale Andrews; Secretary, Connie Forth; Treasurer, Pat Jinks; and Historian, Mrs. Epps There will be four standing committees: Monterey County, San Benito County, Santa Cruz County, and Pajaro Valley Unified School District. These are organized to give credance to Aromas needs and to broaden our education concerning purse strings and other things...Another undertaking of the Service Club is to renovate the basement room of the Fire Station so that it may be used by Boy Scouts and other Aromas organizations. Paul Newell suggested we make newcomers to Aromas feel welcome by visiting with them and relating to their needs as well as encouraging their participation in community activities. He will chair this welcoming committee. Membership in the Service Club is contingent upon two things: That you are a resident within the area designated as the Aromas Tri-County Fire District and that you have paid the yearly dues of 1¢ per day, which comes to a grand total of $3.66 for this year! Regular Service Club meetings are the 4th Monday of each month, 7:30 PM at the Fire Station. This month the town meeting falls on this evening and will be held at the school to accommodate all interested. See you on the 26th!!!

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The purpose of this body is to participate (expend time and energy) at our school. Parents of all ages and community members with or without children, talents great or small, are urged to hunker down with us and make our school a great place to learn! Students need individualized attention, teachers need extra hands and eyes and time, the administration needs constructive ideas and help in implementing them. The next regular meeting is May 6 (Thursday) from 2PM until 4 PM in the Aromas School cafeteria. All parents and community members are invited. Let us begin right now to make next year a greater educational experience for us all!!!

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A NATURAL FOODS COLLECTIVE is being organized for Aromas residents. The first meeting will be held this Wednesday, April 21, at 7:30 PM in the yellow house next to Marshall's Grocery, home of Susan and Clark Smith. Phone 728-4691 for further information. All those interested in purchasing natural foods at cost as a group please attend .....by Susan Smith

AROMAS LIBRARY EVENTS .....by Pam Pugsley

The Aromas Library is planning a book sale and art show on June 5 (Saturday) at the library. The money raised will be used to purchase supplies for the library's preschool story time and summer reading programs. Anyone who has used books to donate to the sale may bring them to the library: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday and Thursday, or 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM on Wednesdays. Interested artists who would like to exhibit their paintings may call Pam Pugsley - 722-7496.

The library's preschool storytime is at 10:30 AM on Thursday. It will continue through the summer.

The library also has a program of delivering books to shut-ins. If you would like to borrow books, call Mrs. Martin on 722-6044.

The next meeting of the Aromas Library Auxiliary will be Wednesday, April 28th at 10:00 AM. Ruth Ann Forsberg, Monterey County Children's Librarian, will be present. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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OH WHERE, OH WHERE CAN OUR PARK BE FOUND, OH WHERE OH WHERE CAN IT BE?

The playground and recreation committee of Aromas (newly formed) is interested in finding some acreage that would be donated to the community as park land. The committee is busy formulating plans and proposals that will be presented to the school district and counties requesting a community recreation center and playing fields. (Hopefully to be located on the school field.) They would also like to propose a park for the Aromas Community but need the land so that a park can be planned around it. We need all interested people to help us plan, so if you want to be a part of this group, give me a call and I'll let you know when we will be meeting again.....Donna Valdez...722-2277.

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DEAR AROMAS,

Thanks for a great show. God has blessed your people with great talent. I know because I saw and heard your people perform at the talent show. It was like Hollywood had dropped in on Aromas and waved a magic wand making all the Participators stars.

But the magic wand didn't stop there. It went on to envelop, in its power, the Producer--Claudia Mize; the Director--Linda Child; the Scengraphy painted by Ruby King, and the Master of Ceremonies--Jim Maya.

I know the audience was thankful they weren't asked to judge. I know I'm glad I wasn't asked because all the Participators sounded topmost to me. Imagine all this talent coming from a small town. An accomplishment to be proud of.

Of course this talent would have been wasted if you, the Participator, hadn't the gumption to get out on the stage and do your best. But your best wasn't born from laziness but from long, tiresome hours of practice and doubting your ability. Now from all that anguish of doubt you suffered came self-reliance, and a great show. No one could do this without God, talent, determination, and patience. Thanks for a great show.

So, we, of Aromas, salute our stars: Polo Morales, Jerry Ritter, Stephanie Harlan, Art Jackson, Cecilia Ritter, Karen Bowles, Deblyn Johnson, Rhonda Marshall, Tracy Fort, Shelly Waller, Lori Marshall, Carole Jones, E.G. & Carol Blackburn, Sandy Super, Melinda Carpenter, Duane Peterson, Bill Nestler, Jim & Carol Maya, Mia Wikstrom, Debbie Barton, Norene Rhodes, and Benay Doherty.

Last but not least is our stage help: Mary Romero, Steve Barton, David King, Bobby Mize, and Michelle Mize.

Thanks for a great show.

.....by Esther C. Young
Box 544
Aromas, Calif. 95004

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AROMAS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & P.T.A. POTLUCK will take place Thursday, April 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. At 6:30 PM begins the potluck dinner in the cafeteria followed by a short P.T.A. meeting to elect officers for next year. The school band will perform for 15 minutes and classrooms will then be open for visitation between 7:30 and 8:30 PM. See you Thursday!!!

FIRE DISTRICT

The Board of Commissioners of the Fire District were in session Tuesday, April 13th. New Fire Chief Michael de Wey, wife Charlene, and daughter Candy were present. They are looking for a home in Aromas. Review of bills was accompanied by moaning from M.J. Morton. This time all commissioners were consternated by the bill for State Comp. which has doubled in a year's time, while our department has drawn very little in benefits. A letter from San Benito County requested the use of a San Benito County ambulance service for S.B. residents. Once again, crossing of county lines, even in case of emergency medical attention, creates legal hassles.

Lists of Fire District priorities were stated by Pat Jinks and M.J. Morton. Pat Jinks, resident, cited: 1) a pay raise for the firemen (their wage is now such that those with families must hold a second job), 2) securing further training for the firemen and the community, and 3) purchasing first aid equipment. Mrs. Jinks not only serves a great cup of coffee but serves up encouragement and wholehearted support; she presented the firemen with $135.00 raised during the raffle for a traction splint. Mrs. M.J. Morton had, as usual, done her homework and presented a list of priorities the likes of which could not be contained on this page. Here are highlighted a few: 1) Prepare space for the New Chief and possible Sheriff's office, 2) inventory tools and supplies, 3) Paint inside and outside building, 4) renovate basement Scout room, 5) lease or rent portion of building to Water District creating landlord/tenant relationship, 6) provide quarterly reviews of department which would reflect discontent, areas for improvement, etc. and 7) hold presentations by nearby colleges and other resources regarding types of courses available for further training for firemen.

Dale Andrews, Vice President of the Aromas Service Club, addressed the commissioners regarding renovating the basement room for use of Boy Scouts and Service Club. Mr. Armer said he hated to open up this "can of worms". The Fire District has a clear title to the property which states plainly the building is to be used as a Fire Station; it is not supposed to be a community center. There is not enough room to store scout equipment. Other opinions came from the floor. The Boy Scouts were not "ejected" as Mr. Ebberts said at the town meeting. The basement room they were using was unsafe and funds were not available to bring it up to code. It was suggested that if the room was again occupied by the Scouts they pay something each month towards utilities. Then someone remembered the Boy Scouts, of their own accord, donated a recissitator valve to the Fire District not long ago. This type of assistance was thought far superior. A motion by M.J. Morton passed by a vote of 3-2 has it that Mr. Jenkins (OSHA officer) will be contacted regarding removal of basement padlock and renovation. Also Service Club members will look at the estimates for rewiring the basement room and cutting out a door. During this discussion it was brought out that the Fire District has bought property (1½ acres) for a new firehouse at Carpenteria and Seely Road. A grant may be available through Monterey or San Benito county for $100,000. to build this facility. The present facility may then be sold for $1. to the Service Club or other party; nothing was settled - only that this matter must be investigated. Mr. Sylva, candidate for San Benito County Supervisor, was present and said he was learning all he could about Aromas. He said Aromas has some problems, like a Fire District with $15,000. worth of bills! He chose a mild one.

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TAX INCREASE for SCHOOLS. Our School District is proposing a tax increase which will increase the amount per student per year to $170.00. If the proposal is voted in by P.V.U.S.D. residents, added monies will be spent for: 1) TEXTBOOKS (now we haven't enough to permit a book for each child in every class), 2) LIBRARY BOOKS, 3) SUPPLIES (for new home economics and shop classes especially), 4) REDUCED CLASS SIZE (more teachers), 5) VACATIONAL EDUCATION, 6) EQUIPMENT (playground and classroom) 7) LIBRARY SERVICES (adult guidance during hours when students needs are greatest) 8) SUPPORTING STAFF (Jr. High Counselors and full-time Vice Principal), 9) STUDENT ATTENDANCE (more employed to follow up on student absences), 10) MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, AND GROUNDS (new and existing buildings), 11) PORTABLE CLASSROOMS, 12) SAFETY, and 13) RESERVE (emergencies, salary needs and additional requirements. The School Board of Trustees comes to Aromas School on or near April 28th.

CLOSE TO A YEAR AND A HALF AGO ...

I had the experience of taking Werner Erhardts' Seminars' Training (EST). I was amazed at the way the training was set up so I could see the lines upon which my mind ran and the various statements I've given myself without even being aware of it. It has transformed the way I look at life and has created more room to experience satisfaction.

This training is non-sectarian, costs $250. for adults, is available to all age groups above age six, and is as close as San Jose. It consists of two consecutive week-ends and is held in various group-oriented facilities such as the County Office of Education Building, Le Baron Hotel, San Jose Student Union, and Jay McCabe Hall. Guest Seminars are held almost nightly in San Jose. At special request guest seminars are held locally.....by Melinda Carpenter

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SPRING FARE AT THE YWCA...includes classes in YOGA, QUILTING, WOMEN: IN SEARCH OF SELF, INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE: OR HOW TO SURVIVE COLLEGE, SUPER SITTERS, BELLY DANCING, AND Y-TOTS. Classes vary in cost. Pre-registration for ALL classes is strongly urged. Call or come by: 202 Maple Avenue ... 724-6078. The Watsonville Unit of the League of Women Voters will meet April 21 at the home of Eleanor Nielson, 244 Rogers, at 9:30 AM. YW-SISTERS are mature women who become friends to girls who need to be recognized and encouraged; call Barbara Strain at the YW for further information. Barbara also handles the Y-TEEN VOLUNTEERS - trained Junior High aged girls and boys who become a friend to a particular patient of a local convalescent home. YW-Ms meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday mornings each month. Program varies. United Methodist Church, 209 Stanford from 10 to 11:30 AM. Child care is available for a small fee. Call Mary Parker...722-8681 or Beth Meyer...724-4871. Membership in the Watsonville YWCA makes you also a member of any YWCA of the USA, as well as a member of the World YWCA, the largest membership movement of women. TEEN membership - $1.00; REGULAR membership - $8.50; SUSTAINING membership-$15.00.

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TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS for personal growth is sponsored by the Adult Division of our school district. The 8-week class will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning April 20th from 7 to 10 PM at Mar Vista School. Peg Smith, a transactional analysis teacher and counselor, will teach the class. To register, call the Adult Ed. Office, ext. 330 or attend the first class. There will be a $5.50 registration fee.

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MACRAME CLASSES will begin at the Aromas School on Wednesdays, 3:10 - 4:00 PM in the cafeteria for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Materials will be supplied for making a beginning project. Students will need to provide their own materials for later projects. Projects students may wish to work on include: jewelry, belts, plant hangers, wall hangings, and sculptures.....by Earlene Martinez.

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LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE is the last in a series of workshops sponsored by the Office of Education of Santa Cruz County entitled "The Responsive Environment". This inservice cooperative was directed to those involved in Early Childhood Education Programs which includes Aromas School participants. This workshop will be given by Mr. Ken Larson, a bright and dear person who has had much experience and many travels in the modes of education. Consider attending this fine presentation on Saturday, April 24th from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Mar Vista Multi-purpose Room, 6860 Soquel Drive, Aptos. Call Carole Jones for car pooling, baby-sitting, and further details. This shall be of interest to those looking for a more sensitive individualized approach to teaching/learning. Call 724-0588 (Carole) now.

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BABY-SITTERS NEEDED. Those of us with preschool children often need baby-sitters during the day so that we can attend meetings, tend to errands, or just take a walk unharried. If you like to baby-sit, would like to form a cooperative for this purpose, could devote a morning or afternoon a week, please call Carole Jones 724-0588.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES - APRIL 19 THROUGH APRIL 30

MON. 19TH
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Day Care Center open
10:30 AM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, 722-9613
2 PM School Advisory meeting - Aides & Resource Teacher chosen for '76/77

TUES. 20TH
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Children's Center open
1-3 PM Sr. Citizens Fitness & Body Awareness, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
2 PM Monterey County Zoning Hearings AISO SAC mtg. - Parent Education at Aromas School
7 PM Monterey County Zoning Hearings
7-10 PM Transactional Analysis at Mar Vista School
7:30 PM Water District meeting at Fire Station

WED. 21ST
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Child Center open
7:30 PM Food Collective meeting at the Smith's (on Carpenteria next to Marshall's Grocery)

THURS. 22ND
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Day Care open
10:30 AM Preschool Storyhour at Aromas Branch Library
12 Noon. Alternative Education luncheon at the Jones', 3580 Viola Drive
3 PM Spanish (conversational) at 3580 Viola Drive
3-4 PM Guitar by Melinda Carpenter. Lessons at Aromas School.
6:30 PM OPEN HOUSE - P.T.A. POTLUCK at Aromas School
6:30 PM Workshop "Budgets" at Renaissance School
7:30 PM DAC Meeting at Renaissance Board Room
7:30 PM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, 306 Bardue
7:30 PM Volunteer Fire Drill

FRI. 23RD
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Children's Center open
6:30 PM Grange Potluck. All members or possibles please-to-attend!
2 PM School Advisory Committee meeting - Project writing.

SAT. 24TH
8:30 AM-4:30 PM Workshop LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE by Ken Larson, 6860 Soquel Dr., Aptos (Mar Vista Multi-purpose Room)

MON. 26TH
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Day Care Center open
10:30 AM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, 722-9613
*** 7:30-10 PM TOWN MEETING: School District Tax Increase & Candidates at Aromas School

TUES. 27TH
10-11:15 AM Aromas School Children's Center open
1-3 PM Sr. Citizens Fitness & Body Awareness, 127 E. Beach, Watsonville
7-10 PM Transactional Analysis at Mar Vista School

WED. 28TH
10-11:15 Aromas School Day Care
10 AM Library Auxiliary meets at Library with Ruth Ann Forsberg, Monterey County Children's Librarian
10-11:30 AM YW-Ms meets at United Methodist Church, 209 Stanford, Wats.
7:30 PM P.V.U.S.D. Governing Board convenes at Aromas School to relate current issues. This date is subject to change.

THURS. 29TH
10-11:15 Aromas School Children's Center open
10:30 AM Children's Story Hour at Aromas Branch Library
12 noon. Alternative Education potluck lunch at the Jones', 3580 Viola
3 PM Conversational Spanish at 3580 Viola Drive
3-4 PM Guitar lessons at Aromas School by Melinda Carpenter
7:30 PM Aromas Women's Consciousness Raising, 306 Bardue

FRI. 30TH
10-11:15 PM Aromas School Preschool Center open

PLEASE CONTACT EDITOR IF YOU HAVE CALENDAR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE AIR.

AROMAS FAMILY NEEDS HOUSE TO RENT: We have lived in Aromas for 2 years. We have 2 daughters, ages 1 year and 5 years. We need a 2 bedroom house. We would be willing to do some painting, "fix-up" work, love gardening. We would be glad to provide references. If you have a house to rent, or know someone who does, please call 722-1338, day or night ..... Lupe and Earlene Martinez
Elisa and Maria Theresa

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BEN FRANKLIN:

Dost thou love life: Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

Sloth makes all things difficult; but Industry all easy; and he that rises late must trot all day, and shall scarce overtake his business at night; while Laziness travels so slowly that Poverty soon overtakes him.

It is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy all that follow it.

You will find the key to success under the alarm clock.

Self-written Epitaph: The Body of Benjamin Franklin, Printer
(Like the cover of an old book,
Its contents torn out,
And stripped of its lettering and gilding,)
Lies here, food for worms.
Yet the work itself shall not be lost,
For it will (as he believes) appear once more
In a new
And more beautiful Edition
Corrected and Amended
By
The Author

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WHAT IS SUCCESS?

It's doing your work the best you can, And being just to your fellow man;
It's making money, but holding friends, And staying true to your aims and ends;
It's figuring how and learning why, And looking forward and thinking high,
And dreaming a little and doing much; It's keeping always in closest touch
With what is finest in word and deed; It's being thorough, yet making speed;
It's daring blithely the field of chance While making labor a brave romance.
It's going onward despite defeat, And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet;
It's being clean and it's playing fair; It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair;
It's looking up to the stars above, And drinking deeply of life and love;
It's struggling on with the will to win, But taking loss with a cheerful grin;
It's sharing sorrow, and work, and mirth, And making better this good old earth;
It's serving, striving, through strain and stress; It's doing your noblest -
that's success.....Anonymous

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The contemplation of celestial things will make a man speak and think more sublimely and magnificently when he descends to human affairs.

Cicero